



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

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Tuesday 24th March 2009 at 7.00 pm
In The Studio, Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill

Present:Chair – DeputyTown Mayor: E McManus
Town Councillors: S Bowes, A Gower, P Hanlon,
P McManus, M Marks, M Martin,
G Price, A Samuels and
T Woodward

Also present: Six members of the public.

MINUTES

1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ager, Byrne, Carr, French, and Richardson.
2. **Declaration of Interests**
Cllr Gower declared a personal interest in item 9.
3. **To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 3rd February 2009**
The minutes of the meeting held 3rd February 2009 signed as a true record.
4. **To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes not covered by this agenda**
There were no urgent matters not covered by the agenda.
5. **Inspector Andrew Mason, Suffolk Police**
Inspector Mason had previously given his apologies.
6. **Sally Rodwell, Manager of Haverhill Community Resource Unit**
The Council received a report on outline proposals to upgrade community facilities in the library area, for which a further sum, in the region of £50,000 was needed in order to provide a full-equipped toilet and changing facility for adult wheelchair users. The Council agreed that the Town Clerk should assist in finalising the plans and identifying, and bidding for, monies to complete the project. The Council also asked to be involved in future discussions regarding the relocation of the Tourist Information Service from the Library.

Action

Town Clerk
to work with
Manager to
identify and
bid for
monies to
complete
the project.

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum

No members of the public wished to speak.

The meeting was reconvened

7. Adoption of Committee Reports

Planning Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held 3rd February and 3rd March 2009.

Arts & Leisure Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Arts & Leisure Committee meeting held 10th March 2009.

Finance Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 17th March 2009.

8. Earmarking of Reserves

The Council agreed the earmarking in reserves of the sums outlined below:-

Christmas Lights	- £ 1,800
Environment	- £ 2,500
Youth Project Grants	- £ 7,250
Town Centre Opportunity Fund	- £16,500
Election Reserve	- £10,900
Arts & Leisure Marketing	
Development	- £ 2,000
Arts & Leisure – Leisure for Youth	- £ 2,000
Arts & Leisure Multimedia Projects	- £ 4,000
	<u>£46,950</u>

9. To Consider the Use of Unspent Grant Funds

The Council considered the use of unspent Grant funds and agreed to grant aid the charity Christians Against Poverty the sum of £1,600.

Town Clerk to ask for report on effect this sum has made to the service in Haverhill

10. To Consider the Adoption of the Power of Well-Being

The Council considered the adoption of the Power of Well-Being and agreed to be trained in the use of the power before formally adopting the new power.

Town Clerk to arrange training

11. To Consider Establishing a Team to Oversee and Bid for Funds to Enhance St Mary's Churchyard

The Council considered and agreed to establish a team to oversee and bid for funds to enhance St Mary's Churchyard.

Town Clerk to revive previous project and refresh

12. To Consider Establishing Volunteering Opportunities

The Council considered establishing volunteering opportunities for the unemployed during the recession and agreed to set up two schemes; one for volunteer ushers and the second for a litter-picking team.

Town Clerk to arrange to establish volunteer scheme

13. To Consider Establishing A Luncheon Club

The Council considered establishing a luncheon club, but in view of the

Town Clerk

earlier presentation by Sally Rodwell considered it more appropriate to ascertain if she could provide this facility.

to liaise with
Sally
Rodwell

14. To authorise payments.

The Council authorised the following cheque lists:-

Date	Cheque No.s	Value
20.01.09	004556 – 004571	£ 8,092.98
27.01.09	004572 – 004578	£ 786.53
03.02.09	004579 – 004593	£ 6,132.65
12.02.09	004594 – 004613	£ 49,107.08
24.02.09	004614 – 004639	£ 40,030.95
03.03.09	004640 – 004655	£ 3,510.01
13.03.09	004656	£ 184.00
10.03.09	004657 – 004678	£ 43,892.32

15. To receive urgent correspondence

There was no urgent correspondence.

16. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.20 p.m.

